

REMARKS:

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated April 27, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hailer. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Examiner referred to Hailer's elements 23 and 22 as corresponding to the inventive first and second members, respectively, and cited Hailer's figures as allegedly disclosing "a ratio of the length of the second member relative to the length of the first member mounted at the front wheel is smaller than a ratio of the length of the second member relative to the length of the first member mounted at the rear wheel." (Page 2 of the Office Action dated April 27, 2006).

Hailer's Figs. 1-13 show only front wheels. Rear wheels are mentioned only in the fact that the structure is symmetrical (column 5, lines 18-30). Fig. 14, the only figure which shows both front 21v and rear 21h wheels, shows the ratio of the length of element 22 (22v and 22h) relative to the length of element 23 (23v and 23h) identical at the front and rear wheels. Hailer therefore does not disclose or suggest "a ratio of the length of said second member relative to the length of said first member mounted at said front wheel is smaller than a ratio of the length of said second member relative to the length of said first member mounted at said rear wheel," which limitation is in claim 1. Claims 2-4 depend directly from claim 1. All pending claims are thus patentable over Hailer.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0168).

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